

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY COURSE IN INDIAN LANGUAGES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the name of institutes where agriculture technology course has been introduced in the Indian languages in the country;
- (b) the reasons for carrying out teaching, training and research work in English language only in the Indian council of Agricultural Research;
- (c) whether the official language Act, 1963 has not been implemented so far, in ICAR;
- (d) if so, whether the government propose to make agriculture technology course available in Indian languages at every level with a view to involving the common factor;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) Agriculture technology courses for the farmers and extension workers are generally held in the Indian languages. Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Krishi Gyan Kendras and Extension Education Institutes offer agriculture technology courses in local Indian languages.
- (b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has a national mandate. The faculty, students and scientists of the ICAR institutes are from different states and sometimes from other countries. Keeping in view, its National and International character and commitments, the medium of teaching, training and research is in English language.
- (c) Yes, Sir. It has been implemented.
- (d), (e) & (f) : English language is used for the purpose of communication between states, which have not adopted Hindi for their official work. The medium of instruction for lower education and also for the training where students/trainees are local, is already in local language in most of the places. Where the students and trainees are drawn from various states/countries the language of instructions remains English.